

Craik-Patton House (Elm Grove)
Daniel Boone Park, U. S. Route 60
Charleston
Kanawha County
West Virginia

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STATE West Virginia		COUNTY Kanawha	TOWN OR VICINITY Charleston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) James Craik House "Elm Grove"			HABS NO. WV-214
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Craik-Patton House			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Daniel Boone Park, U.S. Route 60, Charleston, West Virginia			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1834		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) House was built as residence for lawyer, later clergyman, James Craik, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, 1839-44. Craik was grandson of George Washington's physician. George Smith Patton bought house in 1858. Col. Patton commanded 22nd Va. Infantry Reg't. & fell at Winchester in 1864. Geo. S. Patton II, father of World War II Gen'l. Geo. S. Patton, was born in the house. House is excellent example of provincial Jeffersonian neo-classicism.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Roman Revival			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wooden frame construction on stone basement.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Central block flanked by slightly lower wings has recessed rear gallery. One story above basement. Gabled main roof, wings have half hip roofs with rear half gables. Dimensions not reported.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Roman Doric tetrastyle pedimented portico fronts main block. Portico is set on ashlar base & is reached by ten steps. Front entrance has paired doors below rectangular transom. Wings have guttae bands in cornice. Frontispiece is flush-sided, contrasting with clapboarded wings. New foundation is ashlar laid up in regular courses.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The entrance hall behind the portico opens into a large central main room and into both wings. House apparently originally had two rooms in west wing and three in east. Main room opens onto rear gallery and has good provincial Federal mantelpiece. New basement contains caretaker's apartment, meeting hall, exhibit space, kitchen, office, and rest rooms.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In September 1973 house was divided into thirds, moved from Lee St. about 2½ miles to present site, and restored to its 1834 appearance over new basement approximating original basement before house was moved from first site on Virginia St. to Lee St. in 1906.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition is excellent. To be opened in April 1981 as historic house museum.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Property is administered by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America Resident in West Virginia.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form prepared by James E. Harding, 1975.			
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